



TRAFFIC ALERT

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**BE ALERT TO SLICK TRAVEL CONDITIONS
THROUGHOUT SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA**
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BRISTOL – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reports motorists should be alert to rapidly changing travel conditions this morning in southwestern Virginia.

Interstates

- There are scattered snow and ice patches on Interstate 81 in Washington and Smyth counties. In Wythe County, there are snow-covered sections of roadway on I-81.
- Be alert to scattered snow and ice patches on Interstate 77.

Primary and Secondary Roads

- The majority of primary and secondary routes in Tazewell, Wise and Grayson counties are snow-covered and slick.
- The majority of primary routes in southwestern Virginia have snow and ice patches.
- The majority of secondary routes in southwestern Virginia are snow-covered and slick.

VDOT reminds motorists to use caution when driving during wintry weather. Drivers should:

- Check road conditions before they leave home by calling 511 or logging in to 511Virginia.org
- Slow down and allow for extra time to reach your destination
- Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles and trucks that are plowing the road
- Do not pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is *absolutely* necessary.

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